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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/07

SPONSOR Vaughn LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 95

SHORT TITLE Making an Appropriation to Pay Expenses for Transferring Prisoners in Otero County SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Finance and Administration

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 95 makes an Appropriation to Pay Expenses for Transferring Prisoners in Otero County.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that, housing and transporting prisoners represents an enormous cost to counties. For the most part, counties are not reimbursed for these expenses. If a county does not have significant own-source revenues, the effect of paying for prisoner expenses may result in the county cutting back on other services to the public. This appropriation would provide \$100 thousand to help Otero County meet the cost for transferring prisoners.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Local Government Division would need to determine the process and criteria required to reimburse Otero County for transferring prisoner costs.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

House Bill 95 states the appropriation would be administered by the Department of Finance, Local Government Division. The Division reports that it currently has a grant reimbursable process in place, which could be mirrored for this appropriation.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

\$100 thousand would not be appropriated to DFA for disbursement to Otero County for prisoner transport.

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